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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP MORE COLLABORATIVE  
INFORMATION AND DECISION-MAKING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AS IT RELATES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICTS.

1 WHEREAS, as expressed in chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised  
2 Statutes, the Legislature created the Hawaii Community  
3 Development Authority and its community development districts to  
4 develop "communities which serve the highest needs and  
5 aspirations of Hawaii's people"; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the community residents are important stakeholders  
8 who have an interest in development in their community  
9 development districts; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature received complaints that the  
12 Hawaii Community Development Authority has repeatedly  
13 disregarded and failed to act on community concerns expressed at  
14 the Hawaii Community Development Authority community meetings,  
15 public hearings, and board meetings; and  
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17 WHEREAS, community residents and other stakeholders are  
18 concerned that the Hawaii Community Development Authority has  
19 not followed its own long-range plans for the mauka and makai  
20 areas in Kaka'ako, but instead has facilitated variances and  
21 modifications preferred by private developers; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Act 61, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, was enacted  
24 to address community concerns, but the Hawaii Community  
25 Development Authority, instead of providing venues for  
26 developers to meet with community stakeholders informally, has  
27 implemented contested case procedures that further discourage  
28 expression of legitimate community concerns; and  
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30 WHEREAS, in the Regular Session of 2015, the Legislature  
31 introduced S.B. No. 906 to create a less formal and less  
32 adversarial dialogue that, by encouraging the Hawaii Community  
33 Development Authority, developers, and the community to work



1 together, implements the community engagement policy set forth  
2 in section 206E-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
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4 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State and  
5 community development districts to implement clear, fair, open,  
6 and collaborative procedures that achieve the goals of chapter  
7 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,  
11 that a working group be convened to develop more collaborative  
12 information and decision-making policies and procedures for  
13 community engagement as it relates to community development  
14 districts; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Senate  
17 Committee on Human Services and Housing and the Chairperson of  
18 the Senate Committee on Water and Land are requested to serve as  
19 Co-Chairpersons of the working group; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
22 to include:  
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- 24 (1) Community stakeholders, including but not limited to  
25 landowners, developers, small business owners, and  
26 residents, as selected by the Co-Chairpersons;  
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- 28 (2) Hawaii Community Development Authority members; and  
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- 30 (3) Others as deemed appropriate by the Co-Chairpersons;  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
34 to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings and  
35 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later  
36 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
37 of 2016; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be dissolved  
40 on June 30, 2016; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaii  
3 Community Development Authority.  
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